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SUBJ: SUMMER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS (SIL)

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1. THE AGENCE FRANCE PRESSEE (AFP) STORY ON THE "EXPULSION" OF SIL FROM COLOMBIA IS NOT ACCURATE.

2. SIL OFFICIAL WILLIAM NYMAN TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER ON NOVEMBER 19 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO WORD OF TERMINATION FROM GOC OFFICIALS. HE ADDED THAT, EARLIER THAT DAY, HE HAD HAD AN AMIABLE CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT CORNELIO REYES CONCERNING ONGOING SIL PROJECTS IN COLOMBIA.

3. THE CURRENT SIL/GOC CONTRACT CALLS FOR ONE YEAR'S NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TERMINATE. AS OF NOV 19, SIL OFFICIALS HAD RECEIVED NO SUCH NOTICE. THE SIL HAS ALSO BEEN ATTEMPTING TO REACH A NEW CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE GOC. THE RECENT SPATE OF ADVERSE PUBLICITY, HOWEVER, EFFECTIVELY OBVIATES ANY NEW CONTRACT AT THIS TIME.

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4. ON OCT 13, PRESIDENT LOPEZ STATED THAT THE GOC PLANS A

GRADUAL "COLOMBIANIZATION" OF SIL ACTIVITIES IN COLOMBIA
(BOGOTA 9904). THIS IS ESSENTIALLY WHAT THE SILL HAS PROPOSED
FOR ITS NEW CONTRACT. THE LOPEZ MOVE MAY, ACCORDINGLY, PROVIDE
AN ARRANGEMENT SATISFACTORY TO BOTH PARTIES WHILE PROVIDING
AN APPEARANCE OF GOC ACTION THAT SHOULD PLACATE MOST SIL CRITICS
HERE.
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